**नयी भर्ती पर प्रतिबन्ध**

2773. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी नौकरियों में भर्ती पर अभी भी प्रतिबंध लगा हुआ है;

(ख) उक्त प्रतिबंध लगाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) उक्त प्रतिबंध को हटाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं?

**कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा):** (क) से (ग) सरकार ने सरकारी नौकरियों में भर्ती पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगाने के लिये कोई सामान्य आदेश जारी नहीं किये हैं।

**Role of P.M.O. on Approval of Bureaucratic Appointments**

2774. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the P.M.O. in giving approval to all bureaucratic appointments;

(b) whether the P.M.O. exercise veto power over all appointments; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to reduce interference in the matter of appointments on various official posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) According to relevant Rules, the role of P.M.O. is to provide secretarial assistance to the Prime Minister. It is the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet that takes decisions on recommendations relating to appointments of and above the rank of Deputy Secretary and certain other specified posts in the Central Government. It is, therefore, not correct to say that there is interference by the P.M.O. and that the P.M.O. exercises any veto power in regard to appointments.

**S.C./S.T. I.A.S. Officers**

2775. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for selecting the candidate for the post of Secretary from the State cadre of I.A.S.;

(b) the number of I.A.S. officers from the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe in country; and

(c) the number of I.A.S. officers from schedule caste and tribe selected for the post of secretary who are on the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The eligibility criteria prescribed for consideration for the post of Secretary is 30 years of Group 'A' service and a minimum of 2 years of service in a post carrying a basic pay of Rs. 7300 or above. In the case of All India Service Officers including the IAS, the eligibility criteria applies to the entire batch as soon as one officer of the batch has put in the required 2 years of service in a post carrying the basic pay of Rs. 7300/- P.M. Further, officers to be considered for the post of Secretary should be in the approved panel and inclusion in such panel is through the process of strict selection and evaluation of such qualities as merit, competence, leadership and a flair for participating in the policy-making process.

(b) There are 565 scheduled caste and 282 scheduled tribe IAS officers in the country as on 1.1.1992.

(c) Names of 3 IAS officers belonging to SC/ST have been included in the suitability list for holding Secretary level posts in the Government of India.